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AS MATTER FACT, MIGHT BE ADVISABLE APPROACH BY STAGES WITH FIRST APPROACH TO HIGH LEVEL TURKISH MILITARY, PROBABLY ALANKUS, FOLLOWED BY MY SEEING SARPEN AND THEN, IF NECESSARY, GURSEL. BEFORE INITIATING ACTION, HOWEVER, I WOULD WISH KNOW OUTCOME OF ANY TALKS ON THIS SUBJECT WITH SUNAY IN WASHINGTON AND HOW FAR I CAN GO WITH TURK OFFICIALS IN EXPLAINING SIGNIFICANCE TO WESTERN DEFENSE OF FLIGHTS BEYOND TURKISH BORDERS. WHEN INFORMATION RECEIVED ON THESE TWO POINTS, TOGETHER WITH SUCH ADDITIONAL FACTS AS MAY HAVE BECOME AVAILABLE HERE, WE SHOULD BE ABLE MOVE FORWARD.

I DISCUSSED MATTER LAST NIGHT WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR WHO SAID HE EXPECTED SEE SARPEN DAY OR SO AND WOULD LET US KNOW OUTCOME. WE ALSO DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF TAKING ADVANTAGE PRESENCE RESPECTIVE SECRETARIES DURING CENTO CONFERENCE TO MENTION MATTER EITHER TO SARPEN OR GURSEL AS OCCASION ARISES. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH CONSIDER THIS AS MATTER URGENCY PRIOR SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE.

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